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## Garrison Moves To Get Witnesses

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison moved on two fronts today to get witnesses he wants in his John F. Kennedy assassination conspiracy probe.

The district attorney's office issued a warrant Monday for the arrest of Lilly Mae McMairnes, 22, Omaha, Neb. as a material witness.

The U.S. attorney's office was asked by Garrison to issue an unlawful flight order against Gordon Novel, 28, former owner of a French Quarter bar who disappeared last week before he was to have appeared before the Orleans Parish grand jury.

IF U.S. ATTY. Louis LaCouture honors Garrison's request, it would bring the FBI into the search for Novel.

Some federal authorities are known to look upon Garrison's investigation with a cold eye. The Warren Commission, named by President Johnson to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, Tex., Nov. 22, 1963, concluded that New Orleans-born Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin and acted alone.

Garrison's office issued a warrant last week for Novel's arrest and asked that he be placed under \$50,000 bond.

FERRY R. RUSSO, 25, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman, said Mrs. McMairnes, then known as Sandra Moffett, was one of several persons attending a party in the New Orleans apart-

ment of the late David W. Ferrie in mid-September 1963.

After this party, Russo testified two weeks ago, he heard Ferrie, Oswald and Clay L. Shaw conspire to kill President Kennedy.

Shaw, 54, a retired New Orleans business executive, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of conspiring to murder Kennedy.

Mrs. McMairnes, married to part-time Omaha minister Harold McMairnes, 48, told newsmen last week she did not attend the party but said she had known Russo.

Criminal Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who will conduct Shaw's trial, signed the warrant for Mrs. McMairnes as a material witness and set bond at \$5,000.

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